

the National Order of Women Legislators Hall of Fame Award. Also, in 1995 during Florida's Annual Civil Rights Conference, she received one of five awards commissioned by the Florida Commission on Human Relations.

I would like to ask all of my colleagues to join me in celebrating Doris Weatherford's contribution to the continuing legacy of women's history.

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SPEECH OF

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 1998

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of serving with Steve Schiff on the Science Committee ever since Steve was elected to Congress.

As the Chairman of the Basic Research Subcommittee, Steve worked to ensure that our national investment in research and development were properly spent to maintain our nation's scientific and technological preeminence. Steve's stewardship of the Basic Research Subcommittee served our nation and his home district of Albuquerque well—especially the Sandia National Laboratory. Steve knew that Federal laboratories, such as Sandia, are one of our greatest assets and he did all he could to protect the important role they play in our nation's scientific research and development enterprise, such as leading the fight to stop a national laboratory closure commission. So, it is only fitting that today we honor Steve's memory by designating the auditorium at the Sandia Technology Transfer Center as the "Steve Schiff Auditorium."

Steve was committed not just to Albuquerque, Sandia, and scientific basic research development, but also committed to fairness and equity. He displayed his character in his many

years as a prosecutor in New Mexico, but also as the Chair of the House Ethics Committee. Steve was the sort of man who was guided not by the politics of an issue, but went where his sense of right and wrong took him.

As a result of our actions today, generations will be able to go to Sandia and remember everything that Steve stood for, so that his memory and his example will continue to live on even after his passing.

A TRIBUTE TO THOMAS AND CATHERINE LAWLER OF SMITHTOWN ON THEIR 57TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 16, 1998

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this historic chamber to ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to Catherine and Thomas Lawler, of Smithtown, Long Island, as they celebrate their blessed 57th wedding anniversary today.

I believe, as many Members of this esteemed body do, that marriage is the bedrock of our society, the foundation on which all of our values, beliefs and hopes for the future stand. So it is altogether fitting that we, as National leaders, should take a moment to honor Catherine and Thomas Lawler for the love, devotion and faith that they have given each other and their marriage for 57 years.

From that blessed moment when they first met outside Morris Egan's store in Greenpoint, Brooklyn in August of 1940, Catherine and Thomas have been committed to each other. That devotion was sanctified by God on July 16, 1941 at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church in Brooklyn. Their love for each other and their faith in God has been returned to

them many times over in the form of nine beautiful children—Thomas, Catherine, George, Anne, John, Mary, Theresa, Ellen and Michael.

Their abundant blessings necessitated several moves to bigger homes, in order to accommodate their growing family. At one point, Thomas and Catherine invested in an acre of land in Smithtown, Long Island, the place they referred to as their "summer home." By 1953, they moved the entire Lawler family to the new house of Ledgewood Drive, where they have called home since.

Wherever the Lawlers called home, their faith in God and family have remained firm, sustaining them in hard times—such as the tragic death of their daughter Mary at six months—or the many good times that visited this wonderful family. In the good Lord's own way, the blessings bestowed upon Catherine and Thomas have multiplied many times, not the least of these blessings being their 40 grandchildren.

All of this demonstrates the values, caring and commitment that Thomas and Catherine offer their community, attributes that have served their marriage and have made our Long Island community an even better place by their example. The foundation of the Smithtown community, indeed all of Long Island, has been strengthened for the past 57 years by the love, commitment and, yes, hard work that Thomas and Catherine have demonstrated.

As a community, we witness and even enjoy the many blessings and gifts bestowed upon Lawlers, who give so much themselves to others. It is through their example that all of us can truly understand the meaning of family values. Mr. Speaker, I ask that this entire chamber join me in offering our praise and heartiest congratulations to Catherine and Thomas Lawler on this blessed anniversary. A union as blessed as theirs will surely endure forever.